

Specification Amendments

Please amend the first two full paragraphs on page 2 as follows:

When a pet chews this flavored product, the mechanical abrasive action cleans the pet's teeth. However, it has been found that mechanical abrasion by itself may not provide a sufficient prophylactic for effective dental care.

U.S. Patent No. 5,618,518 discloses a chew product useful against the build-up of dental calculus on the teeth of animals which contains an amount of sodium hexametaphosphate that is alleged to be effective to reduce the development of dental calculus. The chew product in one embodiment is prepared by soaking the product in an aqueous solution containing from about 0.5% to about 3.0% by weight sodium hexametaphosphate. Also disclosed in this patent are methods for preparing the novel chew product and for using the chew product containing sodium hexametaphosphate to reduce and/or prevent the build-up of dental calculus on the teeth of animals.

Please amend the first two full paragraphs on page 3 as follows:

The resulting product has a distinctive flavor and odor, which is attractive to the pet and it maintains its attractiveness until the product ~~being~~ is consumed completely by the pet. The product also has one or more of the following beneficial effects when chewed by pet: it reduces calculus, it reduces plaque, it whitens teeth and it promotes healthy gums.

Typically, pet chews, including dog chews, are made from an animal hide that is cleaned, shaped and infused with a flavor and/or color. Conventional methods

required two drying steps. ~~The two patent applications identified above disclose methods for making a dog chews or dog rolls using a single drying process.~~

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 as follows:

The subject invention further covers adding one or more dental aids as ingredients to the dog chew. As a result, when pet chews this novel product, in addition to mechanical abrasive action of teeth cleaning, the dental aid ingredients also provide for reducing calculus, reducing plaque, whitening teeth and helping gum recovery. Moreover, releasing a dental aid directly on the pet teeth is more efficient ~~then~~ than using other means. The resulting dental chew is more attractive to pets ~~then~~ than prior art products. The product may be tailored for use for other animals, and even humans.

Please amend the fifth and sixth full paragraphs on page 4 as follows:

Vitamin C, Co-enzyme Q10, and Periostat (Doxycycline hyclate) are beneficial because they assist in ~~collage~~ collagen production, or reduction and assist in gum recovery.

Preferably, a dental chew produced in accordance with this invention is made from animal hide, such as cow hide. The hide is obtained from a tannery or other sources and is treated with various chemical agents and washed to remove any meat and other undesirable materials.